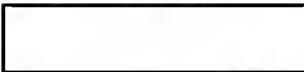


10 July 1950

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Mr. Drew W. Kohler



Territory of Hawaii

Dear Kohler:

Thank you very much for your letter of 3 July 1950.  
It is always good to hear from old shipmates.

I sincerely appreciate the trouble you have taken in writing to the HONOLULU ADVERTISER expressing your confidence in me. One can take a lot of beatings as long as the knowledge is present that at least some of the old and valued associates still have confidence.

Captain Goggins is here in Washington now and we see each other frequently. The old "basement" days are always remembered. You, no doubt, have heard that he is now retired.

Again, let me thank you for your letter and your continued confidence.

With warmest personal regards, please believe me,

Sincerely,

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R. H. HILLENKETTER  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central  
Intelligence

*10 July 50*

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NOTE FOR RECORD: Basic ltr of 3 Jul 50 states the enclosed ltr(cc)has been sent Editor, Honolulu Advertiser as indicative of the sentiments of those who served under DCI during the old "basement" days at Pearl Harbor. Says he is sorry to learn that DCI is to be relieved by Gen Smith "would like to have seen you carry through with the excellent job you have done so far. Please convey regards to Capt Goggins. Attached cc of ltr to Editor, Honolulu Advertiser corrects statement made by columnist Robert S. Allen adversely commenting on DCI's ability.